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The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2142: human eggs

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2142, which would have prohibited the sale of human eggs.

I want to acknowledge the sincere efforts of the sponsor of this bill and express my appreciation for his thoughtful letter to me in support of it. Well meaning people can disagree about the ethical issues posed by this bill. Ultimately, however, I am persuaded that this bill represents an unwarranted intrusion into the medical decisions of women -- and only women.

Moreover, although I recognize the legislature's desire to prohibit human cloning, and I signed a bill last year to accomplish this, I am not aware of any instances where human eggs have been used in Arizona for human cloning research. I also am not persuaded that there are not other, more beneficial, scientific and medical advancements that could be achieved through lawful human egg research.

For these and other reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 2142.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Ken Bennett
The Honorable Bob Stump